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Dear HHS Staff,

I join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in asking you to accept the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine as pertain to coverage of preventive care under the new health care law, and to reject any exemptions for “religious employers.” These preventive services are a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

AAUW believes that “religious refusal” exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services. Insurance coverage of contraceptives should be available to ALL women based on **their own principles**, not those of any employer or pharmacist.

I urge you to ensure women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM’s recommendations and rejecting the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

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